

VI. *The way of proceeding in the Small Pox inoculated in New England. Communicated by Henry Newman, Esq; of the Middle Temple.*

1. **W**E make usually a Couple of *Incisions* in the *Arms* where we make our *Issues*, but somewhat larger than for them, some times in one *Arm*, and one *Leg*.

2. Into these we put bits of *Lint*, (the patient at the same time turning his Face another way, and guarding his Nostrils) which have been dipt in some of the *Variolous Matter* taken in a Vial, from the Pustules of one that has the *Small Pox* of the more laudable Sort, now turning upon him, and so we cover them with a Plaister of *Diachylon*.

3. Yet we find the *Variolous Matter* fetched from those, that have the *inoculated Small Pox*, altogether as agreeable and effectual as any other. And so we do what is taken from them that have the *Confluent Sort*.

4. Within Four and Twenty Hours, we throw away the *Lint*, and the Sores are dressed once or twice every Four and Twenty Hours, with warmed *Cabbage Leaves*.

5. The Patient continues to do all Things, as at other times, only he exposes not himself unto the Injuries of the *Weather*, if that be at all Tempestuous.

6. About the Seventh Day the Patient feels the usual Symptoms of the *Small Pox* coming upon him; and he is now managed as in an ordinary *Putrid Fever*. If he cannot hold up, he goes to *Bed*; If his
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Head ach too much, we put the common *Poultice* to his *Peet*, if he be very Sick at the *Stomach*, we give him a *gentle Vomit*, yea, we commonly do these Things *almost of Course*, whether we find the Patient want them or no. And we reckon the *sooner* we do these Things, the *better*. If the *Fever* be too high, in some Constitutions, we *Bleed* a little: And finally, to hasten the Eruption, we put on a Couple of *Blisters*.

7. On or about the Third Day from the Decumbiture the *Eruption* begins. The Number of the *Pustules* is not alike in all, in some they are a *very few*, in others they amount to an *Hundred*, yea, in many they amount unto *several Hundreds*; frequently unto more than what the Accounts from the *Levant* say is usual there.

8. The *Eruption* being made, all *Illness* vanishes; except perhaps a little of the *Vapours* in those that are troubled with them; there is nothing more to do, but to *keep Warm*, drink proper *Teas*, eat Gruel, Milk Pottage, Panada, Bread, Butter, and almost any thing equally Simple and Innocent.

9. Ordinarily the Patient *sits* up every Day, and entertains his Friends, yea, ventures upon a *Glass of Wine* with them. If he be too Intent upon hard *Reading* and *Study*, we take him off.

10. Sometimes, tho' the Patient be on other Accounts easy enough, yet he *can't Sleep* for divers Nights together. In this Case we do not give him *Anodynes* or *Opiates*, because we find, That they who have taken these Things in the *Small Pox* are generally pestered with miserable *Biles* after their being recovered. So we *let them alone*; their *Sleep* will come of it self, as their *Strength* is coming on.

11. On the Seventh Day the *Pustules* usually come to their Maturity; and *soon after* this they go away,

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as those of the *Small Pox* in the *Distinct Sort* use to do.

12. The Patient gets abroad quickly, and is most sensibly *Stronger*, and in *better Health* than he was before. The Transplantation has been given to *Women in Child-bed*, Eight or Nine Days after their Delivery; and they have got earlier out of their Child-bed, and in better Circumstances, than ever in their Lives. Those that have had ugly *Ulcers* long running upon them, have had them healed on, and by this *Transplantation*. Some very feeble, crazy, *Consumptive* People, have upon this *Transplantation*, grown hearty and got rid of their former Maladies.

13. The Sores of the *Incision* do seem to dry a little in Three or Four Days of the Feverish Preparation for *Eruption*. After this there is a *plentiful Discharge* at them. The discharge may continue a little while after the Patient is quite well on other Accounts; But the Sores will soon enough dry up of themselves; but the *later*, the *better*, as we think. If they happen to be *inflamed*, or otherwise Troublesome, we presently help them in the ways we do any *Ordinary Sores*.

VII. *A Letter from Dr. Nettleton, Physician at Halifax in Yorkshire, to Dr. Whitaker, concerning the Inoculation of the Small Pox.*

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HAVING too often found with no small Grief and Trouble, how little the Assistance of Art cou'd avail in many Cases of the *Small Pox*, I was induced to try the Method of Infition or Inoculation, which came so well recommended by several Physicians